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FOR CARTER FROM S/PRS

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TAGS: SOPN (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT STORIES IN SUNDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES  
AND WASHINGTON POST

NO. 29

1. TERENCE SMITH IN NYTIMES: SMITH ANALYZES SAUDI INFLUENCE  
IN ME, WITH BOTH VANCE AND ARAFAT RECENT VISITORS TO RIYADH.  
SAUDI DIPLOMATIC RECORD IS STRIKING, WITH MANY SUCCESSES.  
SAUDI GOALS: PREVENT RADICALIZATION OF ARAB WORLD AND  
FAVORABLE CONCLUSION OF DISPUTE WITH ISRAEL TO PERMIT  
MODERNIZATION. ISRAELIS ARE WORRIED ABOUT SAUDI ARMS PUR-  
CHASE PROGRAM.

2. JOHN ANDREWS (MANCHESTER GUARDIAN) IN POST: FEARS ARE  
BEING EXPRESSED FOR HEALTH OF KING KHALID IN LONDON. HIP  
OPERATION POSTPONED BECAUSE OF INFECTION,ALSO NO DATE SET  
FOR HEART OPERATION.

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3. CY SULZBERGER IN NYTIMES:

-- "FIRM, FRESH ATTITUDE" OF CARTER GIVING NEW LEADERSHIP  
TO HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS AROUND WORLD. RESULT MAY BE  
"DESTABILIZATION" OF SOME OPPRESSIVE REGIMES.

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-- SAKHAROV LETTER ENCOURAGING DISSIDENTS IN USSR.

-- CARTER MESSAGE ALSO BEING HEARD IN NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

-- ASKS WHAT WE WILL DO TO FOLLOW UP ON MESSAGES, NOTHING LAST TIME SUCH TALK WAS HEARD WAS HUNGARY IN 1956. PREPARED TO DEAL WITH FLARE UP IN EAST EUROPE? CHANGE IMMIGRATION LAWS? MAKE ISSUE OF JAMMING OF RFE AND RL?

-- "MY OWN FEELING IS THAT WE CONSIDER JUST WHERE OUR ANNOUNCED PATHS ARE LEADING AND THEN PREPARE OURSELVES TO SUPPORT OUR IDEAS AGAINST ANY AND ALL OPPOSITION OR CONSEQUENCES ... FREEDOM IS THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD. IT CAN ALSO BE THE MOST COSTLY."

4. WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT CLIFFORD TALKS "LEAVE GREEKS OPTIMISTIC." GREEKS VIEW CLIFFORD VISIT AS FIRST STEP TO REPAIR DAMAGED RELATIONS WITH US.

5. JOSEPH KRAFT IN POST, "BUSTING HUSSEIN"

KRAFT DEPLORES PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO STOP CIA PAYMENTS TO HUSSEIN.

-- KRAFT FEELS THAT HUSSEIN IS CRITICAL FIGURE IN ME, AND SUBSIDY STORY "CASTS A GRAVE SHADOW OVER THE DEAL VANCE WAS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO FASHION."

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-- THE NEWS, CLOSELY FOLLOWING QUEEN'S DEATH, MUST DEMORALIZE HUSSEIN.

-- ARAB EXTREMISTS ARE STRENGTHENED.

-- BECAUSE HUSSEIN IS A "SURVIVOR" HE MAY BE ABLE TO HANG ON, "BUT IT WILL NOT BE THANKS TO CARTER AND HIS PALS IN WHITE HOUSE" WHO MADE A FOOLISH DECISION TO CUT OFF SUBSIDY.

-- KRAFT SUGGESTS THAT WHITE HOUSE ABETTED BREAKING OF STORY "AS A BLARE OF SELF-PRAISE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT."

6. JOE ALEX MORRIS (LA TIMES) IN POST:

-- MORRIS, WRITING FROM OMAN, TAKES VIEW THAT WASH POST DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS TO HUSSEIN WILL NOT HAVE ANY DRAMATIC EFFECT IN MIDEAST.

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-- ARABS SEE LITTLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN CIA MONEY AND  
ANY OTHER KIND OF FOREIGN MONEY.

-- SYRIA UNLIKELY TO CHANGE STANCE, WITH FENCES  
RECENTLY MENDED THERE. IRAQ IS SAVING ALL ITS SHOUTING  
FOR SYRIA, AND THEY NEED GOOD RELATIONS WITH HUSSEIN TO  
KEEP OPEN SUPPLY ROUTES. SADAT IS ALSO INCREASINGLY  
FRIENDLY.

-- PALESTINIANS, VIRTUALLY WITHOUT VOICE TODAY, WILL  
NOT CHANGE THEIR OPINION OF HUSSEIN, WHOM THEY REGARD AS  
THEIR WORST ENEMY.

-- CIA HAS HAD MANY ME SUCCESSES. MORRIS CITES CASE  
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OF NASSER, WHO FELT HAPPIER DEALING WITH CIA THAN STATE  
DEPT.

-- ALL IN ALL, CIA HAS MANAGED TO KEEP LOW PROFILE IN  
ME, AND MIDEASTERNS ARE "BASICALLY CYNICS" WHO MAY  
RAISE AN EYEBROW, "BUT WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING THEIR OWN  
HANDOUTS, THEY ARE NOT OVERLY PARTICULAR ABOUT THE SOURCE  
OF THE INCOME."

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